Number of Farms

UTAH: The number of farms in Utah in 1998 was estimated at 15,000, the same level as 1997 and 1996. Total land in farms for 1998 was 11.6 million acres, the same as 1997. The average farm size, at 773 acres, remained the same as 1997.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in 1998 was

estimated at 2.19 million, up fractionally from 1997. Total land in farms was 953.8 million acres, down 2.2 million acres from 1997. The decline in farm numbers and land in farms continues to follow historical trends. The average farm size decreased 1 acre from 1997 to 435 acres.

Farm Numbers and Acreage: Utah and United States, 1991-98 11

Year	Utah			United States		
	Farms 2/	Land in Farms			Land in Farms	
		Average Size	Total	Farms <u>2/</u>	Average Size	Total
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Farms	Acres	1,000 Acres
1991	13,300	850	11,300	2,117	464	981,736
1992	13,200	856	11,300	2,108	464	978,503
1993	14,500	772	11,200	2,202	440	968,845
1994	14,500	772	11,200	2,198	440	965,935
1995	15,000	760	11,400	2,196	438	962,515
1996	15,000	760	11,400	2,191	438	958,675
1997	15,000	773	11,600	2,191	436	956,010
1998	15,000	773	11,600	2,192	435	953,765

^{1/} A farm is defined as a place with annual sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more. 2/ Definition changed in 1995 to include operations with no sales but which have 5 or more horses not including operations that are either stables or racetracks only. All definition changes beginning in 1995 were carried back to 1993. Because of these changes a noticeable difference can be seen between 1992 and 1993.

